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Requested change in the cr. for the course, Dir. Teach. in Sec. Schools 96-99
RECOMMENDATION: That this change in the credit for Dir. Teach. in Sec. Schools 96-99
from seven to eight credit hours be approved.

Assembly: Discussed time, etc. for an assembly--Jan 30, Harry Reasoner
RECOMMENDED: That the assembly be scheduled but classes will not be dismissed.
It will be 3:30 p.m. and leave dismissal of classes to the discretion
of the individual faculty members.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 10,
1967, in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty. 1967

Members present: Miss Cotham, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Fleharty, Miss Gangwer,
Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. McGinnis, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Tomlinson,
Dr. Youmans, and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members absent: Dr. McMechan, Dr. Wilkins

Also present: Mr. Maxwell

The meeting was called to order by the chairman.

Recommended Changes in Credit Hours in Directed Teaching in Secondary
Schools, 96 - 99. Copies of the request from W. C. Wood, Chr., Council on
the Preparation of Teachers, was sent to the Senate members previous to this
meeting. A copy of the request is attached. Dr. Garwood presented this re-
quest for discussion. Dr. Wood could not be present for the meeting and Dr.
Youmans was asked to explain the request and answer questions.

Dr. Youmans explained that the credit hours for Directed Teaching in
the Elementary School was changed to 3 to 8 hours and now the request is to
change the credit hours for the Secondary School Directed Teaching and bring
the credit for this course up to the same amount. This will provide oppor-
tunity for more observation at the beginning of the student teaching experience.
The elementary and the secondary student teaching will be the same length
and eliminate the confusion on the part of the students and faculty in the block
course, Educational Psychology. A few years ago there was a course, Ob-
servation in Secondary School, for one credit hour but this was not workable
and so was dropped. The NCATE will probably ask about the fact that the
Elementary is 7 hours and the Secondary is 8 hours and ask for a reason
for this. This proposal will add one hour in the professional education re-
quirements. It was noted that Directed Teaching is a most highly regarded
part of the education program.

The discussion included the following: What will be the total hours in the
student's block program? At present the student takes 16 hours and with
this increase it will be 17 hours. It was noted that the elementary program
is 17 hours. Some states require more than eight hours. The state of Kan-
sas requirement has a minimum of five hours. It was noted that if the divi-
sion has a course, such as the course, Methods of Teaching Secondary
Social Science, in the Social Science Division, this would add another credit

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hour to the education program. Under the plan the students will be in the cooperating school eight weeks in place of seven weeks as it is now. The Education Department as well as the Council on the Preparation of Teachers favor this increase. There was discussion as to why states are increasing the directed teaching requirement. It was stated that every survey which has been made shows that the directed teaching seems to be considered to be the best course for the preparation of teachers. The students feel that the Directed Teaching is most worthwhile. Under this plan the teachers would spend eight weeks with the teacher in the cooperating school and part of this time is actual teaching. It was asked if there is a possibility of this being increased to an entire semester. At the present time such a change is not being considered.

The philosophy of adding hours in education was discussed. It was noted that some courses in education were lacking in content. The thought was expressed that if hours were added in one course, they should be subtracted from some other area of the program. In response to this, it was noted that the education courses were constantly being strengthened qualitatively and it was hoped that this would continue.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that we approve this change in the credit for the Directed Teaching in Secondary Schools, 96 - 99 to eight credit hours. Seconded and carried.

Assembly. On Monday, January 30, Harry Reasoner will be the speaker for the Wooster Fund dinner and would be available for an assembly. He will be available after 11:00 a. m., Monday, January 30. It was asked if we might have him speak at 4:00 p. m. but it was suggested that this was too close to the dinner. It was asked if the assembly should be in the afternoon. It was suggested that periods should not be shortened, in the morning as this causes difficulty in the 75 minute classes. The problem of laboratories was discussed. Each assembly is considered on individual basis.

RECOMMENDED: It was recommended that the assembly be scheduled but that the classes should not be dismissed for the assembly and it should be scheduled at 3:30 p. m. and leave the dismissal of classes to the discretion of the individual faculty members. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p. m.

Dr. John D. Garwood, Chairman

Florence Bodmer, Recorder